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1. The Peruvian labor group Accion Political Nacional de los Trabajadores del Peru (APETP)* has reportedly been studying the possibility of becoming a pro-Odría labor party, or at least forming such a political party from the present nucleus. According to source, a move to convert the APETP into a labor party would receive support from all the labor unions now affiliated with it. This idea has been foremost in the minds of Juan P. Luna and other labor leaders in the organization since its founding prior to the 2 July elections.
2. The APETP reportedly can count on the support of representatives from the following labor organizations outside the Lima area: Sindicato de Estibadores del Callao; Sociedad Obrero de Tarma; Sociedad de Trabajadores Maritimo, Callao; Empleados y Obreros de la Aduana del Callao; Coalicion Laborista del Callao; Comité de Trabajadores Metalurgicos de la Oroya; Trabajadores del Mercado y Campesino del Ica and Chinca; and the Sociedad Urbanizador Alto de Selva Alegre-Arequipa.
3. On 18 July the APETP held an open meeting, the first since elections. One of the more important topics discussed at this meeting was the possibility of securing appointment for certain labor leaders to the various local municipal councils. The names of Nestor Cerpa and Alipio Orbegoso were proposed for backing by the APETP, for appointments to municipal councils in Lima and Callao, respectively. However, Luna in a private session with leaders of the APETP, attempted to discourage members of this organization from seeking posts in municipal councils, claiming that the prestige and financial remuneration from such positions were negligible. Luna also advised APETP leaders that the government will keep a careful check on the activities of all APETP adherents who are now in public positions. In spite of Luna's objections, Cerpa and Orbegoso were proposed for the positions, and Cerpa was appointed to the Municipal Council of Lima, being given a minor inspector's post, in charge of reporting on certain public installations in Lima. Orbegoso was not successful in being appointed to the Municipal Council of Callao.

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